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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Navy Hospital Corps Celebrates Anniversary

On June 17, corpsmen around the world celebrated their 102nd Navy Hospital Corps' Anniversary. For more than a century the corpsmen have dedicated their unselfish service to providing medical care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel. The Navy Hospital Corps was established by an act of Congress on June 17, 1898 and has a long and proud history of dependability and sacrifice. For 102 years the hospital corpsmen have treated, consoled, lived, fought, and died with Marines.

Their legacy is one of compassion and sacrifice. Wherever the Marines have fought, "Doc" as the corpsman is known, been there to provide treatment to those bleeding, and suffering from various wounds.

The corpsmen have earned the respect of each Marine as they continue to medically contribute to the mission readiness and effectiveness of the Marine Corps.

Review ALMAR 024/00 for more information concerning celebration salutations being extended by Gen. Jones, U.S. Marine Corps Commandant.

### MV-22 Osprey Carries Passengers Again



*Courtesy of Naval Air Warfare Center Division*

*Lead MV-22 in front of the southern Sierra Nevada Mountain Range on taxiway at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake's Armitage Field following the Commandant's flight.*

#### Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Public Affairs Department

General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, kept a promise on June 17, when he became the first passenger aboard an MV-22 Osprey since it was grounded after a mishap in which 19 Marines were killed in a crash at Marana Airport in Tucson, Ariz., on April 8. The flight started at about 1130 a.m. from the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in

California's high desert about 100 miles east of Bakersfield.

"My first thoughts today as we lifted off," the Commandant said, "was of the 19 Marines who died in April—and their families. Today I am making good on a pledge I made to the families to be able to tell them the accident was not related to any design flaws.

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# Commentary

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Marines Don't Do That

Courtesy of Sgt. Maj. Ira J. Lott, Marine Corps Air Base Western Area (MCABWA)

Twenty-nine years ago General Cushman, received a note from General Chapman: "Recently I was in an air terminal... (Most people there presented a pretty sloppy appearance)-coats unbuttoned, ties loosened, etc. There was a Marine corporal in uniform who was just the opposite. I spoke to the Marine and pointed out the difference to him. I asked him why it was so? His answer was: "The Marines don't do that."

Marines **don't**-wear a scruffy uniform  
 Marines **don't**-slouch around with their hands in their pockets; Marines **don't**-wear long hair  
 Marines **don't**-fail to respond with a "Yes, or No, Sir/Ma'am" when speaking with a senior  
 Marines **don't**-gang up on each other  
 Marines **don't**-question lawful orders  
 Marines **don't**-lie or cheat or break their word  
 Marines **don't**-abandon a fellow Marine in the time of need

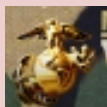
Marines **don't**-let down their fellow Marines by succumbing to drug temptation

Marines **don't**-meet problems with "It can't be done" or questions with the easy answer, "No."

Marines **don't**-knock the system without recommending appropriate change

Marines **don't**-(the list is all but endless)

Marines **don't** do that. But why not? Because they are a breed apart. They have led the way in war and peace for more than 196 years, and they know that today they are ready, combat ready, to move out, any time, with the Navy. We must keep our balance, raise our quality, maintain our standards, and be ready to serve our Country. "Marines do that!"



#### MCN WEEKLY

**Commandant of the Marine Corps**  
 General James L. Jones  
**Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps**  
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## OSPREY

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I have no doubt, or I wouldn't be here." Marveling at the power of the Osprey, Gen. Jones said, "It's an awesome sensation when you take off," the Commandant said with a big smile on his face during a press conference held in the NAWS China Lake Air Terminal after the flight. "It's a wonderful aircraft. As of today, the MV-22 is back in full mode of test and evaluation."

A complete review by the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Safety Center and the head of Marine Aviation found no structural or design flaws that precluded safe flight operations of the MV-22. The Commandant stressed that a thorough investigation of the recent accident continues as the Marine Corps maintains its commitment to correcting the cause. "Flying in general is risky business," he said, "but this aircraft is not technology-risky." The final investigation report should be out within a month.

The commandant stressed the importance of pilot and crew training because of the differences between it and a normal helicopter. "There is not a shred of evidence there is anything wrong with this plane," he stated. He said the Arizona crash was caused by a ring vortex when the aircraft entered into its descent too fast for its forward air speed. Ring vortex phenomena is common to all helicopters. "This is not new," Gen. Jones stated. "The challenge is for crews to recognize it and power out."

Accompanying the number one Marine in the aircraft was his wife, Diane, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Commander Rear Adm. Bert Johnston, the president of Bell Helicopter/Textron John Murphey, Boeing Vice President and General Manager for Military Aircraft and Missile Systems Patrick Finneran Jr., and members of the Associated Press, the Marine Corps Times and Navy/Marine Corps News. "It was a splendid flight," said the admiral.

A second MV-22 held representatives of the press and the heads of the Boeing and Bell MV-22 programs. The two planes flew for approximately 20 minutes. The MV-22 is quieter, faster, can fly farther and carry a greater payload than conventional helicopters.

General Jones said the flights were held at NAWS, not only because the plane is undergoing its operational evaluation (OPEVAL)—its "spin-up"—but because China Lake is known the world over for its ranges. "It is very, very important place for naval aviation," he said.

The MV-22 Osprey started its OPEVALs at China Lake June 5. A self-contained unit, the MV-22 Multi-Service Operational Test Team (MOTT), is conducting all of the OPEVAL testing. Plans call for the Marine Corps to purchase 360 MV-22s, the Air Force to buy 50 CV-22s and the Navy to buy 48 HV-22s.

For more information call (760) 939-3511 or visit website: <http://www.nawcwpns.navy.mil/pao>.



## Annual video awards

By Colonel John G. Miller USMC (Ret.)

**T**he Marine Corps Heritage Foundation announces its third annual video competition for tapes that were produced between June 1, 1999 and May 31, 2000. Awards will be received in two categories: the Major Norman Hatch Award for the best mini-documentary which must be longer than four minutes; dealing with a historical issue, unit history, or other significant Marine Corps topic, and the Sergeant William Genaust Award for best news story which should be four minutes or shorter; and dealing with a Marine Corps-related event taped within the contest period.

The first place winner will be awarded \$400, and the honorable mention winner will receive \$100.

### Submissions should be sent to:

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Naval Media Center  
NDW Anacostia Annex  
2713 Mitscher Road, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 200373-5819  
(202) 433-6275; DSN 288; Fax 5778

### Each submission shall include:

1 Betacam/SP or DVCAM format tape  
1 VHS tape  
Names of contributors and titles on both tapes  
Key information on interview subjects not on screen

The contest deadline is **July 15**. All submissions shall become the property of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation with contestants granting the Foundation permission to show the tapes in its facilities. The Foundation may use the tapes for fundraising purposes, but will not reproduce them for sale.

For more information contact Colonel John G. Miller USMC (Ret.) at (410) 295-1078 or fax to (410) 295-1049.

## Join the All-Marine Marathon Team

MARADMIN 301/00

The All-Marine Marathon team is recruiting Marines to train at MCAS Miramar and run in Marine Corps Community Service scheduled races in preparation for the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 22. The team will consist of 10 males and 6 female Marines. These individuals must be available to train from Mar. 15 through Nov. 1. The applicants must submit their resumes to Headquarters, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MRS), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103 not later than Aug. 25. For more information contact Pamala Hodge at commercial (703) 784-9542 or DSN Prefix 278-9542.

Photo by Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland



An HMX-1 VH-3D Sea King lands on the south lawn of the White House.

## HMX-1 needs mechanics and crew chiefs

By Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VA**—Representatives of Marine Helicopter Squadron 1 spend countless hours on the road in search of possible candidates to fill numerous billets within their unit.

"We have one of the biggest attrition rates in the Marine Corps," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Jeffra, HMX-1 aircraft maintenance chief. "We try and keep the billets filled and have a steady flow of Marines to replace the ones leaving."

The presidential squadron consists of more than 700 Marines in an assortment of Military Occupational Skills. Their mission is to support the President and Vice-President of the United States, heads of state, foreign dignitaries and the Commandant of the Marine Corps with aviation transportation.

Master Gunny Jeffra travels the country to all of the Marine Corps Squadrons to find eligible Marines to join the high-profile unit.

"Last year we changed the program, so we could go on the road with the monitors," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Townley, former aircraft maintenance chief for HMX-1.

While on tour, representatives from HMX-1 brief Marines on the unit's mission. Selected Marines are then given a pre-screening test. If they pass this test, eligible Marines will undergo a rugged background investigation for a possible "Top Secret-Yankee-White" security clearance.

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## SQUADRON

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"We go on tour so we can visually check the Marines' appearance, do the preliminary screening and talk to the NCOICs (Noncommissioned Officers-in-charge) to see what type of problems potential Marines might have had," said Master Gunny Jeffra.

Master Gunny Jeffra added that out of 100 interested Marines only 20 might be eligible.

The tour with HMX-1 is a typical three-year tour, but sometimes it is necessary to keep Marines a little longer. Master Gunny Jeffra said it is currently a busy time, due to the election campaign, and some Marines are retained past three years to keep experience. There is no extra time to spend on training during the election campaign.

"I want them [Marines] to know they are a regular Marine doing a very, very special job," said Master

Gunny Jeffra about Marines in his unit.

A few occupational specialties that are actively sought include Aviation Crew Chief, CH46 Helicopter Mechanic, CH53 Helicopter Mechanic and Aircraft Maintenance Ground Support Equipment Mechanics.

Anyone interested in a brief or pre-screening should contact Master Gunnery Sgt. Jeffra at (703) 784-6468.

## Multinational Forces Exercise Their Skills in Roving Sands 00

By OASD,  
Public Affairs

More than 18,700 servicemembers from all branches of the U.S. armed forces, and forces from Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Canada participated in Exercise Roving Sands 00 (RS 00) from June 14-23.

Roving Sands 00 was the world's largest joint theater air and missile defense exercise. It combines the command, control, communications and computer elements and air defense artillery and aircraft of the U.S. and multinational forces into a joint integrated air defense system.

Roving Sands 00, one of a series of training opportunities that provides

deployable forces with a better understanding of joint and combined operations, was conducted at training ranges and sites throughout Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas and

Nevada. The training objectives for this exercise reflected a wide range of capabilities that may be needed in various geographic areas.

This training increased the ability of commanders and staffs to plan and conduct joint and combined tactical air operations, theater missile defense operations, and joint forcible entry operations under realistic conditions.

For more information about RS00 exercise, call the Joint Information Bureau at (757) 686-6860 or visit the Roving Sands home page at <http://www.rovingsands.forscom.army.mil>.



Graphics obtained from the Roving Sands website.



# WELCOME TO ROVING SANDS 00



# Marine Corps Exchange provides quality of life facilities for Marines

By Frank Stevenson, MCCS, HQMC

Some Marines don't realize that approximately two and one-half cents of every dollar spent in Marine Corps Exchanges and other Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) revenue producing programs is set aside to construct and renovate MCCS facilities. Over the past five years, MCCS has invested \$200 million to construct or renew 335 facilities.

Results can be seen across the Marine Corps. The new Exchanges at Camp Lejeune, NC and Kaneohe Bay, HI; the new Trimodular Club at Yuma, AZ; the new Crossroads Inn at Quantico, VA; and several Youth Centers throughout the Corps are examples of "Marines' dollars" at work. Providing quality facilities for Marines and their families is a priority for MCCS; it's a visible reminder to Marines of the value of their exchange benefit and it promotes quality of life.

Although two cents of every dollar may not seem like much, combined MCX contributions to the MCCS Nonappropriated (NAF) Central Construction Fund (CCF) make possible an annual NAF construction program of about \$19 million. The CCF is used to build or renovate recreation, community support, and resale facilities, such as; Youth Centers, Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLF), sports fields, marinas, exchanges, convenience stores,



*A Marine Corps Community Services ribbon cutting ceremony.*

bowling centers, and golf courses. Facilities that support mission essential programs, such as gymnasiums, child development centers, swimming pools, and libraries are constructed using funds appropriated by the Congress.

Marines play an important part in the NAF construction decision making process. Every three years, the Marine Corps conducts a survey that asks Marines what facilities they believe are needed and how they would like to see their money spent. Results are provided to commands, which use it and other identified facility needs to develop their construction request. Command requests are forwarded to HQMC (MR) where they are ranked according to a battery of return on investment, need, and available funding criteria. This list is then forwarded to the MCCS Board of Directors Construction Committee, which selects a list of projects to be presented to the full Board of Directors for approval.

Current projects underway across the Corps are: multipurpose ball fields at MCB Quantico, new car wash at Camp Elmore, TLF renovation at MCBH Kaneohe Bay, a 48 room addition to the Crossroads Inn at MCB Quantico, service station improvements at MCRD San Diego, convenience store improvements at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS Beaufort, and others.

When they see a new building going up or a renovation, chances are its because a few years ago, some of their fellow Marines told the Corps it was needed. The next MCCS Facilities Assessment is planned for late 2001 – early 2002.



*A Marine Corps Community Services construction of Camp Lejeune Golf Cart facility.*